



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: ROMESBURG  
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Commissioner of Patents  
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RESPONSE (ELECTION)

Sir:

Introductory Comments

This is in response to the Office Action dated 8/25/2003.  
Attached is the response to the requirement for  
restriction/election contained in that Office Action.

Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully  
requested.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that direct contact with  
applicant's attorney would expedite the process and execution of  
this case, he is hereby authorized to call the undersigned  
collect at 727-734-2855.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT (ELECTION)

This is in response to the requirement for restriction or election.

*no listing of claims?*  
In response to the Examiner's requirement, applicant through his attorney, hereby elects Species 1 and Species A drawn to a bib and two crossing straps with pile-type fasteners. Claim 2 is generic. Such election is made with traverse. It is deemed that a complete search, examination and office action on the elected embodiment would require a complete search, examination and office action of the other embodiment. As such, it is urged that no additional burden would be placed on the Examiner by withdrawing the requirement to elect and issuing an office action on all of the embodiments of the instant application.

Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the restriction requirement and a Notice of Allowance are hereby requested.